

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0149] as follows:

[0149] The method described by ~~Medez~~ Mendez et al. (1997) Nature Genetics 18:410 can be used. Briefly, purified antigen, is used to immunize transgenic mice lacking the native murine antibody repertoire and instead having most of the human antibody V-genes in the germ line configuration. Human antibodies are subsequently produced by the murine B cells. The antibody genes are recovered from the B cells by PCR library selection or classic hybridoma technology.